

RAIDERS OF STATE FORESTS BALKED

Conservation Article Advanced
by Constitution Makers Af-
ter Two Days Debate.

RICH SQUATTERS BARRED

ALBANY, Aug. 9.—The lumbering interests failed in the Constitutional Convention today to get an opening on State lands in the Adirondacks, and the conservation article, after a two days' debate, was advanced to a third reading with no material change. Amendments to permit the cutting of mature timber, the extending of scientific forestry on State lands, the issuing of camp site licenses and the construction of roads were defeated.

Referring to the activities of Delegates Edward M. Angell of Glens Falls and Ferris J. Meigs of Tupper Lake in connection with the conservation article, Louis Marshall, who drew the conservation article, said that the interests they represent had not given much evidence of scientific forestry in the past.

"Conservation, preservation, scientific forestry is what they say when they talk, yet they had a contract with the State cutting soft wood timber eight inches in diameter."

Referring to the case of the people against the Brooklyn Coopers Company, Mr. Marshall said that "scientific forestry" had been invoked to enable that company to cut one end of the other 18,000 acres of forest land.

James S. Whipple opposed the provision permitting squatters to continue on State lands in the Adirondacks, but it was advocated by Mr. Marshall and Leroy H. Austin of Albany. George W. Wickesham and W. M. K. Olcott suggested amendments providing that leases should be extended only to squatters living on properties throughout the year and actually occupying them. This was to shut out most of the wealthy squatters.

The only important amendment adopted was that of George A. Blauvelt, which provides for the construction of a highway about the Hudson chain of lakes. Blue Mountain, Raquette, Long and Saranac lakes.

As likely to be passed the conservation article provides for an unpaid commission of nine members and a paid superintendent. The forests are to be preserved intact, dead trees to be removed only for purposes of prevention and fire protection. The provision to spend \$500,000 a year for twenty years to purchase additional forest lands was struck out.

Serial bonds instead of sinking fund bonds are permitted when a city, county, town or village desires to raise money in the future, and to make sinking fund bonds a part of the sinking fund.

It is provided that the life of a municipal bond shall not be longer than the probable life of the work for which the debt is contracted.

"BANKRUPT" PENSION FUND CALLED ABSURD

McGuire of Real Estate Board
Thinks City Should Act
to End Tangle.

"Comptroller Prendergast's statement that the pension fund of the Board of Education is bankrupt, following the recent statement of the Comptroller that the fund of the Board of Health can no longer meet its obligations, is absurd," said Laurence M. McGuire, president of the Real Estate Board of New York, yesterday.

Noting that the pension fund also requires attention, Mr. McGuire said that the Board of Estimate had been considering the pension fund for five years, and that it had a committee at work for two years at an annual cost of \$45,000.

"Unfortunately, nothing worth while has resulted as far as I know," Mr. McGuire continued. "The Bureau of Municipal Research has more or less guided the Board of Estimate in the last two years of Comptroller Merz's administration, and to a very large extent has imposed its policy on the board. It is one of study and investigation and seldom, if ever, produces practical results. It is the policy which seems to control the board in its attitude toward pensions, and the same policy dominates the pension committee of the Board of Estimate."

"The Real Estate Board, while not entirely in sympathy with the pension system, as it is at present, in all matters matters the amount contributed by the person expecting to be benefited should equal the amount contributed by the employer, still believe that it is a matter of honor that the city should pay the sums it has promised to its former employees who, when they retired, trusted in the good faith of the city."

"The Real Estate Board feels, therefore, that immediate action should be taken by the Board of Estimate to preserve the integrity of the pension funds and this, I believe, can be done without seriously increasing the obligations of the taxpayer."

HOTEL MAN'S WIFE FREED.
Mrs. Probst Released on Promise to Leave Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 9.—Upon her decision to leave here to-day Magistrate Jagmetty dismissed the complaint against Mrs. James Probst, wife of the former proprietor of the Hotel Bristol, New York, charging her with malicious mischief. Her husband had previously left the resort, but she remained and this afternoon a constable saw that Mrs. Probst carried out her promise to the court.

Mrs. Probst appeared before the authorities to-day and asked that the complaint be dropped. Following a disturbance in the apartments she and her husband had taken at a Virginia avenue hotel, Mrs. Probst was taken into custody on the charge of disorderly conduct. Released under \$10 bail she returned to the apartment and was again arrested for breaking furniture and malicious mischief. Both of these charges were dismissed when she said she was leaving town immediately.

ANTIS ALSO EXPECT A VICTORY IN JERSEY

Like Suffragists They Feel
Sure of Triumph in Oc-
tober Election.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 9.—Leaders of the suffragists are certain that they will win in the special election on October 19, but the leaders of the antis are equally confident that the voters of New Jersey will not "force upon us against our will the right to vote."

In the northern section of the State the suffragists have been active since the Legislature acted. Their activity was extended recently to the seashore districts, possibly because many of the women who are interested in the question are spending their vacations at the coast resorts.

What lends greater interest and importance to the New Jersey election is the fact that it will be the first in the East this year on the question of equal suffrage. It is believed that if the majority is large either for or against suffrage, the result may have great influence in New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, where amendments are to be voted on in November.

In the absence of a canvass of the votes, the figures in the previous election on a suffrage amendment may be interesting. In 1907 three propositions were submitted to the people—that granting the franchise by the Constitution, that the governor be prohibited from appointing to office during recess of the Legislature any person whose name had been refused confirmation by the Senate, and that women be given the privilege of voting.

The anti-suffrage amendment was adopted by a majority of only 831 votes, and the anti-suffrage amendment was defeated by a majority of 10,149. At the election there were less than 141,000 ballots cast, though 270,000 were cast two months later at the regular election.

Twelve of the counties—the smaller ones—voted in favor of equal suffrage, three to one, and Morris and Warren by two to one. The amendment was defeated by Jersey City, Elizabeth, New Brunswick, Trenton, Camden and Atlantic City.

WAR STEALS BEST HUSBANDS.
Suffragist Letter Tells Lament of
Evil Effects of Battle.

The Empire State committee of the Woman's Suffrage party made public yesterday an open letter of protest to Secretary of State Lansing because he did not ask for the opinion of the suffragists before framing the last note to Germany.

"We women are the conservers of the race," says Kate Devereux Blake in the letter. "We cannot look with equanimity on a struggle which means the inevitable inferiority of the race for a century to come. The people of France are still small in stature because the Napoleon was robbed of all the young vigorous, robust shouldered men of the day."

"What will be the condition of the next generation of Europeans, fathered by the old and the weaklings? It is estimated that about 10,000,000 men, the flower of the youth of the participating nations, are already moldering in the dust. And yet the destruction continues and even in this lightened country the men are talking with calmness of the possibility of our joining in the unutilized conditions of Europe. Should not the women of America be consulted?"

TWO BREWERIES HIS LEGACY.
Mike Whelan's Luck Promises
Jealous Punks in Hoboken.

Over in Hoboken yesterday they spent talking about the Kaiser's estates long enough to wonder if the story that plain Mike Whelan, transient officer and boarder at George Gonzales' American Hotel at 40 River street, had fallen heir to two breweries in Australia was really true. It had been just a million dry dollars that had been left to Mike Whelan, Hoboken wouldn't have gotten half as excited—but no more! Die brauerel, and another die brauerel in case the first went dry! Himmell!

And so a whole lot of persons who never had more than a nodding acquaintance with Mike Whelan drifted around to George Gonzales' bar yesterday afternoon and today morning's light made anxious inquiry for Mike. But the help to the breweries and the money in Kalgoorlie, Australia, had left Hoboken on vacation and had not thought to give his address in some town in up State New York.

Mr. Gonzales said he had heard the story, and had told that Mike Whelan's brother Patrick had died in Kalgoorlie, and that Patrick Whelan's solicitors had been unable to find him. A fortune was waiting his disposal. Mr. Whelan is about 40 years of age and is single.

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